

REMARKS

Claim 6 has been amended to address the 112 rejection.

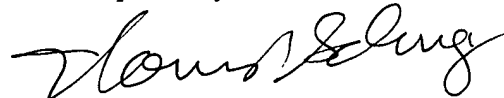
Turning to the rejection of claims 1-6, 11, 13 and 14 as anticipated by the newly cited '725 U.S. Patent to Loan et al., this U.S. Application is a divisional of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/273,627, and claims priority to Japanese Application 75195/1998, filed March 24, 1998. The Loan et al. patent has a U.S. filing date of April 14, 1998, which is after Applicant's priority date. A certified copy of Applicant's underlying Japanese Application has been filed in the parent as noted in cipher 4 of the Action. A verified English translation of Applicant's priority Application was previously filed with Amendment A, mailed November 24, 2004. Another copy of the verified English Translation is being filed herewith for the convenience of the Examiner. With the filing of the verified English translation of the priority Application, Applicant's priority claim is perfected thus removing the Loan et al. patent as citable prior art.

Turning to the non-statutory double patenting rejection, accompanying this Amendment is a Terminal Disclaimer signed on behalf of the Applicant by Applicant's Attorney.

Having dealt with all the objections raised by the Examiner, the Application is now believed to be in order for allowance. Early and favorable action is respectfully requested.

In the event there are any fee deficiencies or additional fees are payable, please charge them (or credit any overpayment) to our Deposit Account Number 08-1391.

Respectfully submitted,



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